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The Harlem Globetrotters have been touring the world bringing smiles and joy to people of all ages, crossing barriers between cultures, societies and people from all walks of life for more than 82 years.

The “Ambassadors of Goodwill” have won more than 20,000 games, the most by any professional or amateur sports team, organization and franchise and have played in an unprecedented 118 countries on six continents entertaining more than 125 million fans, including Head of States, Prime Ministers, Kings, Queens, Royalty, Presidents, Governors, Mayors, Board of Supervisors and The Pope; and

The “Ambassadors of Goodwill” have served as positive role models for the children around the world and have inspired the high school, college and professional basketball careers of future and current Basketball Hall of Fame players Ervin “Magic” Johnson and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and have visited over 1,000 elementary schools nationwide presenting their “Cooperation, Healthy Minds and Body, Effort, Enthusiasm and Responsibility (C.H.E.E.R.)” program to hundreds of thousands of students. Encouraging boys and girls to take care of their health, mental health and most importantly being a positive role in their communities by taking responsibility for their decisions and actions.

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“Ambassadors of Goodwill” have been involved in Los Angeles County communities hosting basketball clinics for children residing in Hawthorne, Inglewood, Long Beach, Pacific Palisades, San Fernando Valley, Santa Clarita, Santa Monica and South Los Angeles and have played their games at the various Los Angeles County sports venues, including California State University, Long Beach “The Pyramid,” The Fabulous Forum in Inglewood, Long Beach Sports Arena, Los Angeles Memorial Sports Arena and Staples Center.

The “Ambassadors of Goodwill” is the first and only sports team to have their own star on the famous Hollywood “Walk of Fame” and were inducted into James Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Massachusetts, representing only one of six teams to be so honored.

“Ambassadors of Goodwill” signed the first-ever woman basketball player, United States Olympic gold medalist Lynette Woodard and the Smithsonian Institute’s National Museum of American Social History bestowed the Harlem Globetrotters as “An Important Part of American Social History”.

The “Ambassadors of Goodwill” have displayed its basketball skills and wizardry with a focus on family entertainment and their headquarters were once located at Paramount Studios and City of Alhambra.

NOW, THEREFORE I MOVE that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles hereby extends sincere congratulations and best wishes and does hereby proclaim February 15 – 17, 2008 as “Harlem Globetrotters Weekend” in Los Angeles County” in honor of their World Tour 2008 Los Angeles County performance at Staples Center.

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